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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
CHRISTOPH BRUHN, ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1711
SERIAL NO: 09/701,564 :
FILED: DECEMBER 7, 2000 : EXAMINER: ACQUAH, SAMUEL A.

FOR: WATER-ABSORBING POLYMERS
WITH SUPRAMOLECULAR HOLLOW
MOLECULES, METHOD FOR PRODUCING
HEM AND USE OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In Response to the Official Action of July 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An absorbent polymer prepared by polymerizing optionally partially neutralized, monoethylenically unsaturated monomers bearing acid groups, the surface of which polymer has been subjected to secondary crosslinking subsequent to polymerizing, wherein the polymer has cyclodextrins and/or cyclodextrin derivatives bound covalently and/or ionically and/or incorporated therein.

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